

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously amended) A collaborative interaction network system comprising:
 - means for entering login data for a user;
 - means for inputting basic user profile data elements;
 - means for receiving user characteristics data including
 - means for text entry of user created data elements;
 - means for proportional selection of predetermined data elements;
 - means for calculating a universe of profile and characteristics data for all users based on similarity to the profile and characteristics data of a particular user;
 - means for displaying a representation of the universe of data as single points in multidimensional relation to a point representing the data of the particular user, the displaying means scalable in range from the entire universe of data to data for users in a close neighborhood of the particular user's profile and characteristic data; and,
 - means for expansion of a selected one of the single points for display of the profile and characteristic data of the user associated with the selected one single point.
2. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 1 wherein the proportional selection means comprises a slider associated with a predetermined term, the slider adjustable through a range of applicability of the predetermined term to the user.
3. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 1 wherein the proportional selection means comprises a sandbox for receiving a plurality of attributes selectable by the user.
4. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 3 wherein the sandbox further comprises a plurality of proportionality bins in which the selected attributes are placed based on relative applicability to the user.
5. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 1 wherein the expansion means further comprises:

means for displaying a specific comparison of the particular users profile and characteristic data and the profile and characteristic data of the user associated with the selected one single point.

6. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 1 wherein the expansion means further comprises:

means for initiating contact with the user associated with the selected one single point.

7. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 1 wherein the expansion means further comprises:

means for storing the profile information of the user associated with the selected one single point in a database specific to the particular user.

8. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 1 wherein the single points on the displaying means further include secondary indicia of available data included for the user associated with the selected one single point.

9. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 8 wherein the secondary indicia comprises a variable icon representing the single points.

10. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 8 wherein the secondary indicia comprises a variable color applied to an icon representing a single point.

11. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 1 wherein the multidimensional relation is radial location and distance, and the calculating means calculates a segment and distance for each point representing the data for a particular user.

12. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 3 wherein the proportional selection means further includes a plurality of selectable categories of attributes, the attributes in each category further selectable by the user for placement in the sandbox.

13. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 1 wherein the means for receiving user characteristic data further includes means for accepting uploaded files.

14. (Previously amended) The collaborative interaction network system as defined in claim 1 further comprising means for searching the universe of profile and characteristics data based on a selected one of the user created data elements, profile data elements or predetermined data elements.

15. (Previously amended) A method for collaborative interaction on a network comprising the steps of:

- receiving login data entered by a user;
- receiving basic user profile data elements;
- receiving user characteristics data including
 - text entry of user created data elements and
 - proportional selection of predetermined_data elements;
- calculating a universe of profile and characteristics data for all users based on similarity to the profile and characteristics data of a particular user;
- displaying a representation of the universe of data as single points in multidimensional relation to a point representing the data of the particular user, the display scalable in range from the entire universe of data to data for users in a close neighborhood of the particular user's profile and characteristic data; and,
- expanding a selected one of the single points for display of the profile and characteristic data of the user associated with the selected one single point.

16. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 15 wherein the proportional selection includes the step of providing a slider associated with a predetermined term, the slider adjustable through a range of applicability of the predetermined term to the user.

17. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 15 wherein the proportional selection includes the step of providing a plurality of attributes selectable by the user for placement in a sandbox indicating applicability of that attribute to the user.

18. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 15 wherein the step of expanding further includes the step of displaying an introductory card with representative data of the user.

19. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 17 wherein the step of providing a plurality of attributes selectable by the user for placement in a sandbox includes providing a plurality of proportionality bins in which the selected attributes are placed based on relative applicability to the user.
20. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 15 wherein the step of expanding further includes the step of displaying a specific comparison of the particular users profile and characteristic data and the profile and characteristic data of the user associated with the selected one single point.
21. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 15 wherein the step of expanding further includes the step of initiating contact with the user associated with the selected one single point.
22. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 15 wherein the step of expanding further includes the step of storing the profile information of the user associated with the selected one single point in a database specific to the particular user.
23. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 15 wherein the step of displaying further includes displaying secondary indicia on the single points representative of available data included for the user associated with the selected one single point.
24. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 23 wherein the secondary indicia comprises a variable icon representing the single points.
25. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 23 wherein the secondary indicia comprises a variable color applied to an icon representing a single point.
26. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 15 wherein the multidimensional relation is a radial location and distance and the calculating step calculates a segment and distance for each point representing the data for a particular user.
27. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 17 wherein the proportional selection further includes a plurality of

selectable categories of attributes, the attributes in each category further selectable by the user for placement in the sandbox.

28. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 15 wherein the step of receiving user characteristic data further includes accepting uploaded files.

29. (Previously amended) The method for collaborative interaction on a network as defined in claim 15 further including the step of searching the universe of profile and characteristics data based on a selected one of the user created data elements, profile data elements or predetermined data elements.